

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office communication mailed Mar. 9, 2007, the applicant wishes to amend the claims, and with claim 1 believed to be generic, at least as amended, to traverse the restriction requirement. To comply with the restriction requirement, the applicant elects claims 1-25, as amended herein (called "species A" in the Office action). However it is believed that the embodiments of claims 26-46 are all included within the embodiments of claim 1, and that therefore no unity of invention problem exists.

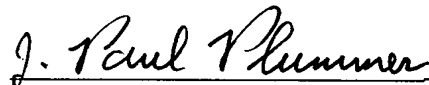
The examiner points to the two flowcharts Figs. 2 and 4 as suggesting different species. The applicant respectfully suggests that instead they merely represent different embodiments of claim 1, as may be seen from reading the discussion of Fig. 2 in paragraphs 39-56, and then the discussion of Fig. 4 in paragraphs 57 et seq. Nothing in the disclosure relating to these two flowcharts suggests that they cannot be "linked so as to form a single general inventive concept." (PCT Rule 13.1) Indeed, the applicant believes that claim 1, particularly as now amended, does link them. It is noted that the embodiment of Fig. 2 embraces "one or more vibrators" as stated in the first sentence of paragraph 39. To the extent that Fig. 4 may illustrate embodiments not also represented by Fig. 2, all of these embodiments are nevertheless includable in claim 1 as evidenced by amended dependent claim 11, which is believed to be completely equivalent to independent claim 26.

CONCLUSION


The applicant believes that the restriction requirement has been successfully traversed, and accordingly that claims 1-47 are ready for examination. If the examiner wishes to discuss this application with counsel, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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